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Social Work: An Honorable Profession
March Is...*National Social Work Month*

Columbus, Ohio – In an effort to honor employees working in the child welfare profession, Franklin County Children Services will celebrate March Is *National Social Work Month*, throughout its offices by acknowledging staff and providing health and wellness opportunities.

A series of All About Me Days are scheduled March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4; at all five Children Services regions. All About Me Days will feature education, health awareness, relaxation entertainment, and various activities.

Children Services is celebrating the amazing professionalism of its staff. Many times focus is on protecting children by strengthening families and the abused and neglected children. Social workers help people function the best way they can in their environment, deal with their relationships, and solve personal and family problems. Children Services employs more than 300 social workers, who carry an estimated 18 families on their caseload, they log in approximately 200 miles per week traveling from client to client, to see children in placement and to meet with various community resources.

“Once again we are celebrating with a series of All About Me Days. These days will let us take a small amount of time from our busy schedules to pay attention to our health and well-being,” said Eric Fenner, Executive Director of Franklin County Children Services.

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“We ended 2007 with several outstanding accomplishments, specifically; we experienced the lowest number of children in paid care in 10 years, the lowest number of children in our custody in 12 years and the lowest number of children in our case loads in 10 years. These outcomes are the result of our staff’s hard work and resiliency,” said Fenner.

“The agency is proud and appreciative of the more than 700 staff who pursue the mission of providing culturally competent services for families and children. All About Me Days will enable our staff to be recognized for the caring work they do. It will also create an atmosphere for staff to be stress less, by enjoying healthy activities, information, training, refreshments and entertainment. All About Me Days are simply to show appreciation to employees who really deserve it,” said Debbie Armstrong, co-chair of the agency’s Supportive Work Environment.

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